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# The HIGHWAY

## Christmas - 1947

There'll always be a Christmas—that we know—but the need for the spirit of Christmas in the world may not always be as insistent as it is today when we seek to bind up the wounds of the peoples of the earth after the greatest of all world convulsions. For the vacuum left in war devastated Europe and Asia by the cataclysm of the Global Struggle cannot be quickly filled. Yet while it remains, misery, disease and upheavals continue. Peace and security rest on shifting sands at such a time. But the very unsettlement and distress of these post-war years has brought home its lesson—deep and lasting—that we cannot save the world in its several parts but only as a whole. We rise and fall together. The world is one and will live or perish as one. We are in very truth "members one of another."

The manifestation of that truth is expressed in the proposed Stopgap Aid for Europe by our Congress, our Friendship Train, and our provision for the Unseen Guest. These efforts—both governmental and civilian—we must provide not in fear of Communism but in faith in the ideals of America. In the days of our strength we as a people are privileged to succor those in Europe who are in need as they in turn aided us in the days of our youth and helplessness as a nation. The Friendship Trains that rolled across our nation carrying food for Europe's needy was not the act of a Lady Bountiful distributing of her riches to the poor but a token of our brotherhood and neighborliness unlinked by any political threats or any demand for economic concessions. These and countless other acts of the good neighbor represent America at her best.

As the Christmas season draws near, the second annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations has closed, large in its achievement—even greater in what it has dared to discuss and plan for building a durable peace. In that Parliament of Man—located fittingly on American soil—America is represented by an able delegation. In this agency of world peace we have assumed a responsibility commensurate with our great power in the world. We are members one another in this greatest of all human ventures—peace-making.

But beyond man's efforts in organizing the world for peace—as yet still unfulfilled—there is the universal hope of mankind which Christmas symbolizes. "The church has kept its own Christmases," wrote Dr. Shillito, "the Christian nations have come within hail of that shrine revealed at Bethlehem. But the world is yet to have ITS Christmas. Some day it will come true, not for the few rare spirits, but for the peoples and tribes and nations, that they shall meet at one spiritual center. For that we wait—without that all other Christmases are unfulfilled. They are but rehearsals unfinished. . . . No Christmas is complete for any of the children of the world till it is shared by all. The last Great Feast will not be begun till the guests are met."

Generation after generation passes, and still the day does not come. The hope is always deferred but never abandoned. Deeper than all that estranges man from man is the spiritual basis of his life. Beyond all the ambition for which he fights his brother blindly, there is the unsatisfied longing which will not let him go; in that longing the nations are one. There is one magnetic center which draws them. There must be at the last a meeting, where they will find each other. This must come, sooner or later, the "First Christmas of the World."

In that spirit let us make Christmas 1947 for America the first step in that great objective—"A Christmas of the World!"

*Spencer Miller, Jr.*  
State Highway Commissioner



## GREETINGS

For more than a hundred years Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" has warmed the hearts of millions of readers on both sides of the Atlantic. In recent years the dramatization of this unforgettable story over the radio has vastly widened the circle of admirers.

"Scrooge," the hard-fisted miser, transformed on Christmas Eve by the ghosts of his better nature, "Bob Cratchit," his faithful clerk, and "Tiny Tim," the frail child of Bob Cratchit, with his improvised crutch, are all characters that will live as long as our language because they portray traits of our common humanity.

From a character who had long been the reproach of the whole neighborhood because of his avariciousness and inhumanity, "Scrooge" was completely changed by his ghostly experience and became not only a good neighbor but also a generous-hearted friend of whom it was said, "that he knew how to keep Christmas well if any man alive possessed that knowledge."

It remained for "Tiny Tim," the child, to utter the greeting on Christmas Day that brought all within the circle of humanity, "God Bless Us, Every One!" At this Christmas season and upon the threshold of the New Year may I repeat this greeting to every employee of the Highway Department: "God Bless Us, Every One!"

SPENCER MILLER, JR.

As we approach the close of one of the most outstanding years in the history of the State Highway Department, it is a privilege to greet the men and women who have made the program of the past twelve months possible. To my many friends of long standing and to those whom I have come to know more recently I extend every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

E. W. KILPATRICK.

The past year has seen the Department continue its vigorous march ahead breaking new ground and improving old methods. The success of the year now drawing to a close has been achieved by the loyalty, zeal, skill and competence of every member of the Highway Department individually and working together as a great team with the single objective of providing the people of New Jersey with the finest and the best maintained State highway system in the world.

My thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you who have worked so hard to accomplish the splendid achievements of the past year, and all of us can look forward with anticipation to blazing new paths in maintaining the leadership of New Jersey in the field of highway transportation.

May you have a joyous Christmas season and may the New Year bring a renewed satisfaction and gratification for a job well done.

CHARLES M. NOBLE.

In these days of tension and stress when it is the earnest endeavor of all of us to assist in the efforts to "save the peace," the coming of the Christmas season, when we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, presents a welcome interlude in which we may express a hearty greeting to all of our friends both near and far.

It is an esteemed privilege to say to each and every one of my friends in the Highway Department, and those associated with it, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all."

A. LEE GROVER.

Christmas after Christmas has seen a spirit of friendly cooperation grow stronger and stronger as many of us grew older and older in the service of the Department. More recently new blood has been added—young, eager fellows to follow in our footsteps and make for a greater record of accomplishment than has been obtained in the past. It is with a keen sense of pleasure that I extend season's greetings to all and sincere best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1948.

C. F. BEDWELL.

## State Highway Department Speakers Featured on New Radio Program

Educational Series Sponsored by Newark News — Many State Departments Participate

The State Highway Department is one of several State agencies which are taking part in a series of educational radio broadcasts sponsored by the Newark News radio station WNJR. This series of programs is designed to acquaint the people of New Jersey with the functions of the many sub-divisions of the State government.

Commissioner Miller opened the Highway Department's section of these broadcasts on December 1st with a talk on modernization of the State Highway system. He was followed on December 15th

by superintendent of maintenance Alex W. Muir who spoke on Snow Removal, Ice Control and Highway Maintenance. Mr. Muir stressed the two former not alone as seasonal topics but because each year they play an increasingly important part in the highway program.

The next speaker from the Highway Department will be Commander Noble, who is scheduled to face the microphone on Monday, December 29th, at 9:00 p. m. His subject will be Modern Highway Design and Construction.

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To All Highway Men and Women  
Wherever You Are ...  
Whoever You Are ...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

from: James O'Rourke, Fred Claus, Elmer Meyer, Peg Beatty, David Pettigrew, Joseph Mahan, Mabel Beans, George Heffernan, Charles Doherty, Herman Kramer, Claire Laczoni, Jack Meyer, Fred Quinn, Bill Ward and Carman Davis.

## SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

As we again approach the Christmas Season, it is a privilege to use this means of expressing to all members of the Division of Survey and Plans my sincere good wishes and my appreciation for the loyalty and co-operation which has characterized your efforts throughout the past year. May your Christmas be merry and the coming New Year hold many good things for all of you.

HAROLD W. GIFFIN.

### CRANFORD

The Cranford office would like to take this occasion to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

After several weeks of hectic haste in an endeavor to meet the Route 4 (Parkway), Section 1, right of way deadline, Bill Reins has finally gotten off on his long delayed vacation.

New fully automatic calculators have arrived at this office.

All that we need to know now is to learn how to operate them properly. So far Emil Cecil has been quite successful with at least one machine causing it to emit weird staccato imitations of Jack Benny's renowned Maxwell.

Visitors to this office still stop to stare at that maze of twisted gas pipes hanging precariously over Ray Callahan's desk. Ray calls it an extendable shelf. However, we have overheard some highly spiced independent opinions as to what to name it, none of them particularly flattering to the inventor's dream child.

Ed Dayton was married on November 22 to the former Eileen Wood of Plainfield. Ed and the Mrs. have just returned from a two-weeks' trip to Virginia.

We welcome two new men who joined the department during the month of November. Karl Lampe as an assistant highway engineer, is currently working in Bill Goodwin's party and Fred White who as engineering aide is learning the ropes under the able direction of Dick Waugh.

### LAYING DETECTOR PAD



This group of Electrical Division men are admiring the first installation of the "detector" for the new automatic traffic signals. The shiny black object is a rubber pad which passing motor vehicles actuate by running over. The first vehicle to pass over this pad sets the signal in operation. Subsequent vehicles determine the time the light stays green on the secondary road, thus saving up to 40% of the time heretofore lost at traffic signals. From the left are: Charles Smith, foreman Henry Johnson, John Bingham, George Asbury and James Lynch. The installation is located at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue and Route 25 on Highway.

## THE CRANFORD OFFICE



The Cranford office took a brief time out from their Route 4 Parkway duties to pose for the above picture. From the left are: James Roper, Emil Handzel, Roland McCoy, Ray Callahan, Bob Rice, Mike Ritchie (front), Charles Vanderhoof, Henry Meyer (front), W. L. Braybrooke, Howard Koons, Charles VanAntwerpen, William Goodwin, William Reins, Cy Berger, Bill Beck, Pete Jensen, Thomas Reilly, Harry Ehrenfeld, James Hyde, William Ehrenfeld, and Emil Cecil.

### UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank Spagnola

Edward Vilar was No. 1 man in that C. S. exam. for engineering aide. He deserves his permanent appointment, as do the following: Stivali, Pappacene, Barberis, and Art Lincoln.

A. Marino and survey party are riding in a nice new 1947 station-wagon.

Bubier and survey party are enjoying a nice assignment—helping Marino on the 6-22A As-built, and Rt. 4, Sec. 5A As-built.

Gornitzky and survey party are certainly going to enjoy (?) that Secaucus atmosphere for months to come—staking out the Rt. 3 Secaucus Relocation for grading and paving.

To Charles M. Stenson we offer our deepest sympathy for the loss of his mother who passed away on November 18.

Bill Schoenwald suffered a nasty wound when the top of a glass jar sheared in his hands as he tried to remove the cap. It was healing fine when we saw the hand. By now, it's probably just a scar to remember.

Res. Eng. Sid Neville, after a steady diet of work, work, work, finally got away on December 1 for a well-earned two-weeks' vacation.

Frankie Berberick surely enjoyed his vacation last month. When he returned there was a lot of spring in his step and a healthy luster in his eyes.

Stivali looks manly with that pipe in his mouth, but he should buy tobacco for it more often.

Kettlewood is our weather criterion. Now that he's wearing a top-coat we know that the winter-freeze is on.

### NEWARK

Ralph Perry

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Charles Stenson on the recent loss of his mother.

William Yetman of the survey crew announced an addition to his family, a baby girl. Congratulations, and thanks for the smokes, Bill.

William Hasburg recently became a grandfather and celebrated the first son in his family in fifty years. Someone page Eddie Cantor.

Several of the boys have been displaying their artistic ability lately by papering and painting their homes—or could it have been for economical reasons? At any rate, if anyone wants first-hand information, speak to Al Desimone.

## PLANNING and ECONOMICS

The second Christmas season in the life of the Division of Planning and Economics is now approaching and as in the life of every maturing "child" we should look forward to ever-growing accomplishments.

During the year of 1947 Mr. Johannesson, your Director, was pleased with the progress shown by his Division Family, especially so after he was informed by a native of Massachusetts that this Division was reputed to be the best of its kind.

To my co-workers within the Division and to the rest of the Highway Family, for their kind cooperation throughout the year, I take this opportunity to extend my very sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

O. HERBERT FRITZSCHE.

### NEWARK

Jack Meyer

Having extended congratulations to Joe Fontanella in the last issue on his permanent appointment, again they are in order in this issue. He has received an appointment to the Internal Revenue and, needless to add, at a better salary.

Understand there are at least four more of our force who have a somewhat rosier look due to visions of better pay and positions offered to them. Two of them look to Federal jobs, one to a higher grade state job, and one to private industry for these increases.

Having just about combed the field work for the Camden O and D Survey from our hair when the New Brunswick and Bound Brook O and D Survey is announced as in the making. This one will be on a smaller scale and sorry, Joe Nat., there will be no female interviewers.

Those of us who attended the "adios party" for Mr. Johannesson enjoyed renewing our contacts with those we know in the Trenton office and meeting those who were, up till now, just names. An affair such as this one, if only for the purpose of a get-together, might be arranged each year. If this comes to pass, would like to enter our Hervey Doane in competition with Wes Bellis for the title of "Division Jitterbug." Of course we would have to handicap Wes to give our Hervey a chance. . . . If boxing bouts are included in the evening's festivities, Hervey would enter, for the glory of Newark, in a bout with Max Wagner. There is just no holding a good man down.

## ELECTRICAL FLASHES

JOSEPH MAHAN

To all employees of the Electrical Division may I extend heartfelt wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year and, at the same time, to express to one and all my sincere appreciation for the splendid support given the Department during the current year in the performance of your assignments.

JAMES L. HAYS.

Bon Voyage to Oscar Sampson, bridge operator, who is at last going to visit his aged parents in Sweden. The trip, long delayed by transportation shortages, is scheduled to begin on December 10, and Oscar plans to return around the middle of January.

Newly acquired: Albert Giberson, bridge operator—a wife: Edgar F. Waters, elec. mechanic, —a son born on November 28; Russell Henry—a lame back from which he is slowly recuperating; very fine holiday decorations in the Trenton Office erected by Chet Anderson and John Kilpatrick under the direction of Dot Hudak. . . . Nearly acquired: By John Kilpatrick—residence right here in Mercer County. Gene Farley was stricken ill at the dinner held on December 3 by the Electrical Division Construction & Maintenance employees, and taken to the hospital where his trouble was diagnosed as acute indigestion. He was released after treatment. At the same affair Tom Borden displayed a bit of his wealth of minstrel talent and gave forth with a "buck and wing" dance which brought rounds of applause.

### Attend Washington Conference

The New Jersey State Highway Department was well represented at the recent conference of the Highway Research Board in Washington. Besides Commissioner Miller and Commander Noble, New Jersey sent Harold W. Giffin, Ralph Fisher, Allen Ely, and William VanBremen. All are members of important committees. Fisher and VanBremen delivered talks on Traffic Performance on Accelerating and Decelerating Lanes and Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement Projects, respectively.

We do not get too much news of our Traffic men in the field. Max Weinroth in Atlantic City had a little fuss with an Atlantic City jitney but did not come out too badly. Glad that it was not serious.



## BON VOYAGE PARTY FOR P. &amp; E. HEAD



Planning and Economics staged a farewell party for Sigvald Johannesson prior to his leaving on an extended vacation. The affair was held at Landwehr's on the River Road in Trenton on November 25. As can be seen from the above photo, a large gathering attended the affair. From left to right in the first row are: M. A. Viracola, W. R. Bellis, Helen A. Tallon, Mr. Johannesson, Commander Noble, Florence King, J. E. Mincher, and Vincent Berberick. In the second row from the left: A. E. Maspoli, Preston Northrup, Charles Hall, Charles French, Henry Doane, G. C. Mendez, Ed Strack, Commissioner Miller, W. J. Yucht, Juan Delgado, J. Meyers, B. T. Patterson, O. H. Fritzsche, J. A. Stewart, R. J. Nolan, J. E. Jones, R. E. Vanaman, George deHahn, L. P. Dileo, and W. M. Wagner. Back row, also from the left: Gene Condoso, J. P. Severns, H. F. Knoebel, Ed Englemann, Joseph Natale, C. H. Hultman, Thomas Downs, S. Burrows, Benjamin Surasky, W. R. Sonntag, F. M. Quinn, Morton Gertel, and John Christiano. Misses Teresa Kelly and Rita DeVaney left before the picture was taken. Entwistle Photo

Your M. C.  
presents—  
**THE LADIES...**  
Bless Them



Our "Highway Glamour Gal—Yesterday," the little girl with the poutish "wait-in" for Santa look, is a big girl now... and our clue to you is the "pout" and not the "look."

Now that Dorothy Hunt has resigned her S. A. status, and Mr. Hurley's staff has been augmented by Dorothy Barbara Covert (who comes down from Princeton every day especially to be with us), the quota of key punch machine operators is beginning to resume normalcy. Elgin Mayer, who has been (figuratively speaking, of course) "tearing his hair out," is looking forward optimistically to "one more operator" and a new growth of hair.

Local chitchat has it that the "Big City" is once again the favorite haunt for holiday festivities. That New York atmosphere is conducive to Thanksgiving celebrations, can be vouched for by LaRaine Birch, whose week-end schedule included the comedy "Harvey" . . . Also inviting as a playground for fall vacationists, Josephine O'Hara found her week well spent.

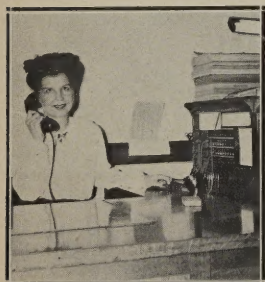
Ruth and William Patrick Moran became proud parents Thursday p. m., December 4. Naming their offspring was all very elementary and simple. . . . "Pat" would be Patrick, or "Pat" would be Patricia. We've a sneaking suspicion, however, that Ruth and Bill are very pleased with "Patricia." Congratulations to two of our favorite people!

Mary Massarotti Palombi, formerly of the Central Construction office, whose wedding took place on Thanksgiving Day, was honored at a dinner party on November 24 at the Downtown Club. Mary was presented with a gift by her hostesses: Kathryn Laughry, LaRaine Birch, Helen Tallon, Teresa Kelly, Rita DeVaney, Florence King and Marion Hester.

More men in the department than women recognized Mildred Friedman of the Administration Division as the "flaxen-haired" girl who was our "Highway Glamour Gal—Yesterday" last month. Despite our clue, many girls named brunettes and brunettes. It just goes to prove that when you tell a man to look for a blonde, he looks for a blonde!

As friendship ties grow stronger with every passing year, it gives you "M. C." more joy each Christmas to extend to you our very warmest Holiday Greetings. By now . . .

## Meet the Voice



If you are one of the many who has occasion to call the Newark office, you perhaps have wondered what the lady behind the pleasant "Good morning, State Highway Department," looks like. Well, she is Mrs. Adel Uth, shown here at her switchboard, and she is even prettier than her picture. Her husband, by the way, is Dick Uth, senior highway engineer, a six-footer, who makes a hobby of collecting knives, firearms and other weapons.

## REAL ESTATE REPORTS

HERMAN KRAMER

We welcome the opportunity afforded through the courtesy of THE HIGHWAY to express our appreciation for the splendid cooperation we have received from our fellow employees and associates and to extend our sincere best wishes to you all for a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

JOHN AYMAR,  
FRED VOLLMER.

Roger Sherman recently went to Canada on a gunning trip and we are glad to report that he brought home a deer. Norm Lister went hunting in Pennsylvania and provided venison for the office. Encouraged by their success, William R. Hancock is now vacationing in the southern part of this State where he hopes to get a lucky shot.

We wish to welcome Miss Ray Birch as a new member of our clerical force.

Jo O'Hara recently spent part of a 2-weeks' vacation in New York City where she had the opportunity of coming face to face with Frank Sinatra after waiting in line three hours for the opportunity. She also saw Helen Hayes in "Happy Birthday" plus other shows on Broadway.

Ralph DelMargio has become an ardent bowler. He is taking regular lessons from Morris Balbesky who is a champ around this office.

Jean Trexler and Ina Revoire recently returned to their Alma Mater to witness the school play, "You Can't Take It With You."

June Mains will celebrate on December 23. Happy Birthday, June! By the way, who are you knitting those socks for?

We wish to welcome Herman Silverstein to the office staff of the Title Bureau.

Ed Drake spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Baltimore visiting relatives.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Flavin A. Ireton and Mrs. Thomas A. Kerwin.

We also wish to extend our sympathy to Russell Johnson on the death of his step-mother.

## Food For Thought

He thinks it smart by drinking Beyond the stage of thinking, Instead of staying sober— as he can.

To greet the coming season, There isn't any reason To celebrate and inundate the man.

F. J. SPAGNOLA



ERNEST BIRCH

For the information and guidance of all concerned, the library wishes to announce the receipt of the "Consolidated Index to Engineering News-Record" for the years 1928-1943, inclusive. This handsomely bound volume includes all articles and news items of permanent interest published during this 16-year period. For easy, quick and ready reference and information, an alphabetical subject index is given by year, volume and page. With few exceptions, the library has on its shelves copies of the Engineering News-Record covering the period of this index.

The following new subscriptions are added to the library: New Jersey Compass (monthly issue).

Landscape Architecture (quarterly issue). New additions to the library also include the following: Powers' Road and Street Catalog—1947. Delaware State Crossing Laws 1945-47.

Airport Runway Evaluation in Canada—1947. City of Newark Municipal Yearbook—1946-47. American Miracle (A Story of War Construction Around the World)—1947.

Requests for books and other periodicals should be made by contacting the library on Extension 354.

## Radio Program

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Two weeks later at the same hour supervising engineer E. E. Reed will talk on Farm to Market Roads. His talk will stress the importance of these secondary roads to the general welfare of New Jersey.

The fifth in this series of Monday night broadcasts scheduled for January 26th will present laboratory chief Fred Baumann who will explain the functioning of his division and how testing and analysis of materials assures tax payers of their dollars worth.

The final program in the present series will be a discussion of the Blue Star Drive and will again present Commissioner Miller and members of the Garden Club Blue Star Drive Committee. This program will be held on February 9th.

It is rumored that radio scripts are being studied and enunciation practiced by those members of the Highway Department who have yet to appear on this series of broadcasts. It will be a question of putting their best voice forward. Tune them in, and if you like these programs, drop a line to the radio station and let them know.

## Department Plans Towing Service For Skyway

Free Service Established in Interest of Safety

In order to provide for greater safety and convenience to the motoring public, the State Highway Department is planning to establish a free towing service for disabled vehicles on the Pulasky Skyway. The service only awaits the delivery and equipping of a jeep which is now on order.

The service car will be provided with a two-way radio so that constant contact will be maintained with the police of Newark and Jersey City. This type of communication will permit the driver to respond quickly to emergency calls between the hours of 6:00 a. m. and 10 p. m. daily. No repairs of any kind will be made by the crew of the service car and stalled vehicles will be towed from the Skyway by means of a hoist.

## Bags Two Deer



A lot of deer hunters will draw their customary blank this year, but this number will not include John Matchett, resident highway engineer attached to the Upper Montclair office. John hied off to Maine recently with his brother-in-law, John Oldenburg, for a week's gunning and bagged two deer near Bangor. As proof of his exploits, he submits the above photo. Matchett is on the right and his gunning companion, John Oldenburg, on the left.

## Exhibit on Steel Pier

The State Highway Department exhibit went back to Atlantic City on December 1, 2, 3 and 4, where it was displayed at the annual convention of the New Jersey Grange on the Steel Pier. Installation was under the direction of George Goldy and Walter Scheutz of the Electrical Division.

## BRIDGE BRIEFS

DAVE LAWSHE

I welcome again this opportunity to greet the members of the Bridge Division. We are completing one of the busiest years in our existence and I am extremely grateful for the understanding exhibited by each of you of the problems presented by this extensive bridge program, and for the cooperation which make it possible to carry on in spite of our limited numbers.

I am happy to extend my sincere good wishes for the Holiday Season, and look forward to another year of pleasant association with you.

MORRIS GOODKIND.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the recent loss of his father, Mr. Peterson passed away in his 96th year after living a vigorous, industrious, and profitable life. We all would benefit were there more of that rugged Yankee Americanism practiced today.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Chester Smith a hasty and complete recovery from her current illness.

John Evans had his lone and "chop-chop" routine disrupted over the Thanksgiving holiday. Young Robert was home from Muhlenburg to help his pop give the bird the bird.

Ralph Titworth, our senior senior, took off quite hurriedly for Orlando on Dec. 13th. With a stomach full of turkey and trimmings, he and his co-traveler spent but two days on the road for 1120 miles. Ralph sent a card from Leesburgh, Florida.

Fred Hunter and the Mrs. surprised us when they told us about the marriage of their daughter Ruby out west. Best wishes for a long and happy life to the two kids.

Shortz, Loren that is, had a nice visit back home over the holiday. We think that he stopped in Split Rock to see the Heffermans.

By the time that this goes to press, Sven and his family will have moved into their new home in Glendale. It's nice to know they will be all comfortable before cold weather really sets in.

George Hefferman took unto himself a wife. (What Agnes Jaeger took unto herself is another question.) A number of us, with our wives, attended the ceremonies held at St. Francis Church on Front Street. It happened at 9 a. m., on Saturday, November 22, 1947—and George was out of bed. It is fitting to quote the groom's favorite verse:

I take thee, my dear, for better or worse;  
In bad sickness and also good health;  
I'll take thee, my dear, in many more ways,  
Especially the one dealing in wealth.

Happiness and good cheer to Agnes and George.

## Answer to November Problem

The answer to the problem which appeared last month is 50 minutes. It is arrived at as follows: Assume that it takes the chauffeur 20 minutes to drive to the station each day. In order to reach the station at 6:00 he leaves home at 5:40 and arrives back home at 6:20. If he follows the normal procedure on the day his boss left early and got home 20 minutes sooner than usual, he arrived home at 6:00. This means he drove for 20 minutes, 10 toward the station and 10 home again after picking up the boss. This further means that he met his boss at 5:50 after the latter had walked for 50 minutes. This works out to the same answer regardless of the time you assume for the chauffeur to drive to the station.



## EQUIPMENT INCREASES LEAD IN HIGHWAY BOWLING LEAGUE

If something doesn't happen soon, the Equipment team will have the first half championship wrapped up and stored away before the remaining teams realize it. At this writing they are out in front by four full games and show no signs of slowing down. In addition to leading in the won and lost columns, they hold every team and individual high except that of individual three-game which is held by Chris Kucker with 578.

Among the outstanding performances to date which are held by the league leaders are high game, 991; high 3 games, 2714; high individual average, Stevens 176 and Brennen 172; high single game, Collins, 234.

Another contingent of Highway bowlers is in second place in the Civil Service loop. This team is made up of Frank Dunn, capt., Frank Matzer, Tony Crea, Warren Oldham, Norman Horner and Joseph Rich. This aggregation is only two games out of first place in their division.

Plans are under way to hold the annual bowling banquet at a spot yet to be determined on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd. Details are being handled by a committee composed of Jack Rochford, Russell Cook, Tony Crea, George Engennach, and Jack Washburn.

It is noted that the addition of Major Hays to the Electrical Division team has failed to improve the standing of this group, but it has served as a notice to other division heads who fancy themselves bowlers to come out and roll a few.

### League Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Equipment	22	5
Fernwood Gls	18	9
Inspection	16	11
Machine Shop	13	14
White Line	13	14
Electrical	13	14
Fernwood Guards	8	19
Maint. Painters	7	20

## LABORATORY LINES

PEG BEATTY

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend sincere greetings to all employees of the Laboratory and express my appreciation of your excellent cooperation and faithful service during the year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FRED H. BAUMANN.

Tom MacRorie is going to North Carolina to organize a modern Confederate Army.

The Roofing Dept. of the Lab has been busy rearranging the office.

Bill George has a new hobby making Xmas candles and are they beautiful.

M. K. Schierer is going to Raleigh, N. C., for his vacation. Happy motoring, Dutch.

Fred Forrest is improving at Mercer Hospital. Hope he will be back with us soon.

### Fine Cooperation

The United Advertising Corp. set a fine example of wholehearted cooperation when they agreed to remove a billboard along the Blue Star Drive in Mountain-side recently. The site had been occupied by the company for sixteen years and was opposite a tract owned by the Union County Park Commission.

In commenting upon the action of the company, Commissioner Miller said, "This cooperation augurs well for our plan to transform this five-mile section of Route 29 into a fitting tribute to those New Jersey citizens who served in the standards of the Joint Committee for Roadside Improvement and encourages us to believe that this action will be emulated by other firms and individual property owners."

## Administration Division

BILL WARD

Christmas comes again... The joy of it, its poignant charm, is in its anticipation, and the happiness of merry-making is in the holiday itself. The spirit of it, however, that spirit which is kindled in the hearts of all, has a deeper, more lasting significance, and should be carried from Christmas to Christmas, each season renewing faiths, shattered hopes and neglected charities. At this season we are kinder, more tolerant people, imbued with greater understanding and compassion. A joyous holiday, therefore, is my wish for you this Christmas and, for the coming year, "May the spirit of Christmas be with each of us every day of the year."

MARVEN L. HOWELL.

May this joyous season of Christmas bring to each and every one of us a greater appreciation of our blessings and may our troubles grow less. A Merry and Happy Christmas to all.

CHARLES A. HURLEY.

Christmas in Meracourt in 1944 was a quiet day. The Germans had broken through at the Bulge and had not yet been contained, and the hospital to which Kermit Bonner was attached was filled with casualties. And yet, because it was Christmas, strong or hope so high, they celebrated the day. Surgical instruments were moved into corners, operating tables laden with cakes and coffee, crackers and beer; and they sang the songs of Christmas or listened to a hastily arranged orchestra gotten up from Americans, Italians and Germans. Christmas in Meracourt in 1944 was quiet. The next day the Luftwaffe bombed it unceasingly.

Charles Hurley was recently re-elected president of the Mercer Council of the Civil Service Association. Mr. Hurley is also vice-president of the New Jersey C. S. A.

A woman standing in the waiting room of the railroad station at Trenton fainted the other day, and, in falling, split open her head. A crowd gathered about, efficiently doing nothing, when Frank Torke, who noticed that the woman had turned blue, sped into action. He borrowed a key-ring holder and forced it between her teeth, prying open the mouth and pulling back the tongue which had obstructed the windpipe and which in a short time would have strangled her. He then took a handkerchief and, using it as a compress, stemmed the flow of blood and then bandaged it with a scarf. So effective and so professional was Frank's treatment that, when the woman afterward consulted a doctor, he said that there was nothing further to be done.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wildblood entrained for Chicago and spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law. All any of us can learn is that the population of Chicago consists of a boy, Douglas Earl, a girl, Nancy Ellen, and a few million other people.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Edith Farr, of Commander Noble's office, who recently underwent surgery at McKinley Hospital in Trenton, is recuperating nicely. Mrs. Farr is still confined to the hospital but is looking forward to being discharged prior to the holidays.

My deep appreciation is extended to the employees of the Projects Division during the year for the good work performed under discouraging conditions. The lack of adequate personnel to properly carry on our work has made it necessary for most of you to assume additional duties and work longer hours, which you have done cheerfully. Such loyalty to the Division is appreciated.

I wish each one of you an old-fashioned Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
E. E. REED.

## EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

Welcome as the lights of home on a winter night, the year-end holidays bring a pause in routine activities. An opportunity to put aside daily cares for a time and share with friends and associates the cheer and good fellowship of the season. With sincere appreciation of congenial friendships and pleasant associations, may this Christmas bring you every joy and the New Year every wish.

FRANK C. YOUNG.

In accordance with the spirit of the season Frank Devereux, T. W. Enmons, Robert Ettinger, and Morgan VanHise extend to each and every employee of the Highway Department their best wishes for a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

The following notice appeared in one of Winchell's columns recently:

"Dear Mr. W.: A Communist is a guy who wouldn't spend \$1 to win a \$10,000 mink coat; he thinks he should get it for nothing! Larry Gore."

Larry Gore of Fernwood says if his namesake knows where any good mink coats are available at that price he could use one nicely.

Dick Kleitke, one of the Equipment Division veterans, will put away his wrenches on Jan. 1, 1948. Dick, who has served as a Road Mechanic for 28 years, filed an application for retirement on pension. He plans to locate on Long Island. His many Department friends extend to Dick their best wishes for a long and healthy span of years that goes with a job well done.

Santa Claus visited George Collins of Fernwood prematurely. George won \$1000.00 in a drawing held recently and can now make plans for that piano that Mr. Collins has been longing to own for some time.

Al Kaner, who has been on the sick list for some time, returned to work on Monday, December 8th with instructions to cut down on the pace he formerly traveled.

Elwood Lawrence has a badly lacerated thumb received while operating a power saw at Fernwood. For a while it was thought the thumb would have to be amputated, but the doctors were finally able to save it.

Congratulations to Morgan Van Hise who celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day.

Morgan VanHise, who is chief inspector of the Equipment Division, has acquired a new title lately, namely, "Chief Jeoper." The Department has recently acquired a brand new jeep to be used on the Skyway for towing purposes and this assignment has also been allotted to Van's supervision.

Bob Martin, who is fire marshal of Mercer County, can't help but be "Johnny on the spot" whenever fires break out. While coming to work one morning very recently, Bob noticed a car ahead of him suddenly burst into flames from alcohol in an overheated radiator. Pulling over to the side of the road, Bob grabbed his fire extinguisher, which every good fireman carries, and made short work of the blaze to the grateful thanks of the car owner.

## ANALYZED PARKWAY ADVANTAGES IN DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION

Colorful Brochure States Case for New Jersey's First Parkway — Rt. 4

Parkways as a solution to traffic congestion and high accident rates is the subject of a booklet now being released by the State Highway Department. This striking brochure is entitled, "New Jersey's First Parkway—Route 4," and is prolifically illustrated with charts and photographs showing the immediate need of Parkway construction, especially in the Northern Metropolitan area of the State.

## Christmas Service Will Feature Varied Program

Suggestion Awards and Dedication of Honor Roll Among Highlights

A program of simple impressiveness will be held in the board room of the State House Annex at 11 a. m. on Christmas Eve. As in past years, this ceremony will be of varied nature and will be conducted by Commissioner Millor. Incidental music will be furnished by the talented musicians from the Equipment Division who have entertained on similar occasions in the past. Solo spots have been awarded to vocalists Helen E. Csanyi of Administration and Michael Tristan of the Bridge Division. And, of course, there will be the regular group-singing of Christmas carols.

A regular feature of other years, the awarding of Certificates of Merit and bonds to those who submitted outstanding suggestions, will again be a highlight of this year's program. Following established custom, the recipients of these awards will receive them from their division heads. The names of those to be honored in this manner, however, will not be divulged until that time.

Another feature which carries great significance will be the dedicating of the permanent Honor Roll, containing the names of 434 men and one woman who served their country in the armed forces during the late war. Edward E. Reed, head of the State Aid Projects Division, whose son Robert M. Reed, a former Highway employee, lost his life in the war, has been chosen to unveil this new Honor Roll which will replace the one that formerly hung in the board room.

## Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

It is a pleasure to again be able to extend to all members of the Maintenance Division greetings of the Christmas season.

I also wish to express to my colleagues at this time my appreciation of the support which they have given me during the past year. Whatever success the Maintenance Division has achieved has been due to the cooperation which you all have given me.

Wishing you one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ALEX W. MUIR.

In conjunction with a series of radio broadcasts by some of our State departments, reported elsewhere, Superintendent of Maintenance Muir talked over the radio, discussing the very timely subject of snow removal work as conducted by the Maintenance Division. In his talk, Mr. Muir left no doubt in the minds of the listeners of the effectiveness of the department's efforts to insure the safety of the traveling public. Incidentally, his remarks were delivered in more carefully chosen language than is used in the office during snow removal operations, it being the tendency at such times to adhere more closely to the vernacular and such.

Following a generalization on the advantages of Parkways, the booklet points up the urgency of immediate relief measures in the urban areas of Bergen, Hudson, Essex, and Union counties. Traffic flow and accident frequency maps of Essex County are followed by a discussion of the proposed alignment to be followed by the Parkway. It is shown that the normal traffic demand for a modern traffic artery in the preferred location is at present 40,000 cars a day, which is more than double the number of cars which would use a more western alignment being advocated by some. An analysis of the traffic which would use the Parkway, if located as proposed by the Highway Department, shows that 32,000 trips a day would be made by vehicles within Essex County and that 35,000 trips would be made by autos traveling between Essex County and points outside. Through traffic would account for 4,800 trips a day. The Parkway would therefore serve an immediate volume of 71,800 trips a day, 93% of which would be entirely within Essex County or have their origin or destination there.

A breakdown of the advantages of a Parkway in the proposed location, as arrived at by the Origin and Destination Survey conducted by the Department in cooperation with the Public Roads Administration, shows that north-south travel time in this area will be reduced by a 2 to 1 ratio. This will be accomplished by increasing the present 15-20 M.P.H. average over existing streets to 35-40 M.P.H. on the Parkway. The cost of vehicle operation will also be reduced by half due to the fact that long delays occasioned by stop-start traffic will be eliminated. On existing streets the effective carrying capacity is 500 cars per lane per hour. On the Parkway this capacity will be increased to 1,500 vehicles per lane per hour, an increase of 300%.

A study of Parkway accident rates shows that safety will also take a great stride forward through the operation of such a modern facility. On urban streets there are 5.34 injuries incurred for every million vehicle miles. On Parkways this rate is reduced to .55 injuries per million vehicle miles, a reduction of 10 to 1.

According to the latest reports, Gene Beckner is undergoing special treatment which will mean his being away a few months longer than expected. This is not to be taken as a set-back in his condition, but simply that it was thought best to prescribe additional treatment as a safeguard. Since Gene won't be around over the holidays, it is suggested that those who want to send him a Christmas or New Year's card should address it to: Gene Beckner, Mount Kipp, Glen Gardner, N. J.

We had been wondering what attraction there was about Washington that kept drawing Charley McGinnis down there for so many week-ends. Only recently we found out. It seems that Mac had fallen for a charming southern belle and was married down that way a couple of weeks ago.

Low Klockner told one the other day about encroachments. It seems that the Lord and the Devil were having a dispute over their joint property line. Each claimed the boundary was too far over on the other's property. After considerable arguing, the Lord said that he would take the matter up with his lawyer. The Devil replied, saying that this was not possible, since he (the Devil) had all the lawyers down there with him.